

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 33, 35 – 43, 46 – 53, 55 – 58, 60 and 61 are pending in the application and all stand rejected. However, this amendment further cancels claims 53, 55, 56 and 57. Specifically the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 11, 13, 15 – 17, 19 – 24, 33, 35 – 43, 47 – 51, 53, 56, 57, 60 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a) as being anticipated by Bjornson and the remainder of the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in light of various references.

Examiner Interview Summary: Attorney (Mark E. Stallion) for the Applicant conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Jeffrey R. West regarding the present application on July 10, 2008. The discussion between the Examiner and Attorney focused on the claimed invention as correlating quality control measurement data regarding a possible product defect to the information relating to at least one part. The Examiner expressed concern that the Bjornson reference uses the term “product” though in a different context. Attorney for the Applicant agreed to modify the preamble as amended herein to distinguish over Bjornson.

The following are remarks were presented to the Examiner in draft form prior the interview:

The present application discloses and claims a system to be utilized in an environment where products are produced utilizing various parts including machinery – SEE paragraph 0075 of the specification. The invention claimed is a system that measures product quality data regarding a possible product defect using various devices (measuring quality of product produced) and correlates the data to information relating to parts used in the manufacture of product to assist in locating a possible part defect, which may have caused the product defect.

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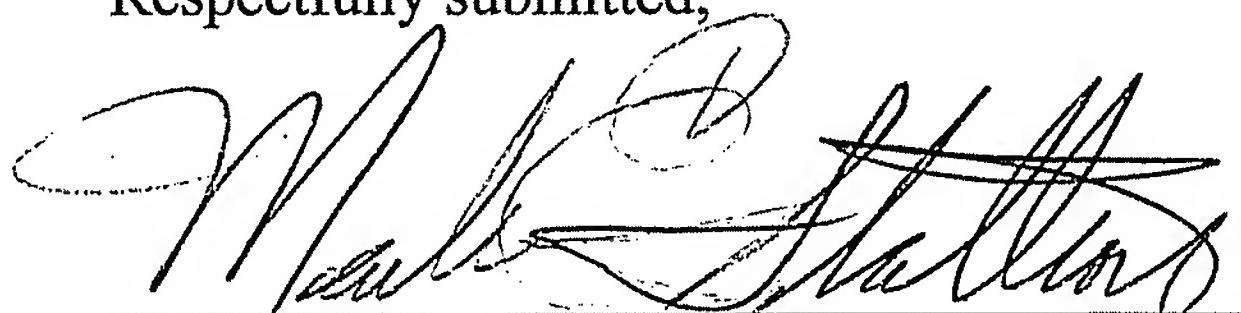
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None of the references cited teach or suggest the combination of inputting product quality data and inputting part information and correlating the two for the purpose of determining a part defect. All of the references relied upon with the exception of the Xie reference only relate to production system failures have nothing to do with monitoring the quality of the product itself. Xie relates to measuring of product quality and the selection of the measuring instrument, but again does not teach or suggest the step of correlating product quality data regarding product defect to part information for determining a possible part defect, which may be related to the product defect.

Based on the above remarks, the Applicant asserts that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance and requests that the claims as amended herein be allowed to proceed to issuance.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,



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